

or just any way. What the old men say, early in the morning--early--you get out there and talk to the Maker. The door is open, he said, early in the morning. When the sun gets so high, he said, the door will close again. That's when the people will move around and ain't got time for that, and he'll close the door again. But early in the morning, he said, you get out and the door's open. Tell Him what you want and He's going to-- I don't know--maybe they got something there.

(And this word would mean something in the west?)

Yeah, that's where the dead people are, they said. In the west where the sun goes down. The spirit world--there's where it is. And some Indian preacher was talking about kids like this guy here--you all call them "bastards", ain't it? He said they ain't got no chance to go to Heaven. But I asked some of them white preachers--some of them other preachers, and they said, "No, they're going to be judged just like you. When they grow up. When judgement day comes, they're going to be judged." But some people, they always say they ain't got no chance. And some people say dark-skinned people ain't got no chance (to go to Heaven). I don't know--these preachers--that's where all these Indian preachers, like Guy and Cecil Horse, they just don't know what they're talking about. And Claude Jay. But he took out of it. He got out. He quit. He said, "I got out of there just in time," he said. "You're Indian," I said. "You're Indian. You ain't no white man!" Yeah, that's--evangelist--(?) See, in the Indian way he's my brother. He come over here. He said, "Brother, I retired. I retired from church work. I'm retired." "Did the Big Man tell you that?" "No!" I said, "You're supposed to go on. You can't retire when you're on that good road like that. You can't stop--" "No, I don't mean that," he said. (Laughs) "Well, in the white man's way, this bishop might tell you you're retired, but Up There you can't," I said, "You have to keep on going!" Yeah. You know if you're retired, you quit